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Before Deborah L. Perry, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Review Team.

**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 21, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF

Appellant(s) filed an Appeal Brief dated April 1, 2009. There is no indication on the record that the Examiner has considered the above Appeal Brief.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) consider the Appeal Brief filed April 1, 2009, as required; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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